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#### A PRAYER FOR LIGHT.

Lord God of peace and war. Thy presence we implore Descend from heights afar And lead us as of yore!

The nations stagger, blind And perishing in night; O let us once more find The long delaying light!

Deal gently with our sin. Deal gently with our grief. Thou Who has shut us in This plane of unbelief;

Thou Who hast spread a veil Before our mortal eyes. So that earth's noblest fail

Thy way to recognize! Thy pity we invoke Upon our darkness here: O lift the battle smoke

#### A Good Veto.

And let Thy light appear!

M. E. BUHLER.

Governor WHITMAN has blocked by his veto the fifth consecutive attempt of the trolley interests to take possession of the Albany post road in the Westchester towns of Ossining. Mount Pleasant and Greenburg. For many years the Burns law has protected this historic highway against invasion. There have been repeated efforts to repeal the Burns law and thus permit the laying of tracks in this narrowest part of the post road, to the practical destruction of that great usefulness as a thoroughfare which it now possesses.

Year after year THE SUN has called attention to the sinister projects of the road grabbers, and year after year the scheme of destruction has been defeated either in the Legislature or by the Executive.

We congratulate Governor WHIT-MAN on the accurate perception of public duty which inspired his veto of the pernicious Slater bill and upon his spirited performance of that duty. He might have allowed the bill to die by merely withholding his signature a little while longer, for after midnight to-morrow measures still unapproved by the Executive perish without his action. But the Governor chose to dispose of the matter openly by veto, and he should have full credit for a public service thus manfully rendered.

## Kitchener and French.

about the comparative merits of and Avlona. because the British General at the may fate deal kindly with this infront has done his difficult work ad- teresting, beautiful coast, its long mirably. If a vote could be taken troubled people and its treasures. in the army it would be practically unanimous against a change of commanders. If General Joffee and his were consulted they would doubtless declare their strong faith in Sir John FRENCH and express their profound esteem for him as an associate.

As General in command, diplomat and comrade Sir John French's skill, tact and democratic ways have proved the wisdom of his selection. The South African war was not a great conflict, but it is no reflection takes, and often with a small force German opera can still give us arhe beat the Boers at their own game. Itistic pleasure.

Since Mons FRENCH has often taken lieved it ever could accomplish.

British army on the far larger stage enthusiasm turned their backs on it Entered at the Post Office at New York as Staff neither outwits nor outfights them at low prices and in their own self run down by some law abiding of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Russell Roghim. It would be risking disaster if language, it must be admitted that the Government at home were to take the various educational campaigns the command out of the hands of Sir have been lamentable failures. The JOHN FRENCH and make him subor- revelations about the affairs of the dinate to Lord Kitchener, who has defunct Century Opera Company, had no time to study the intricate which was created for the purpose strategy of the campaign and does not of supplying a supposedly enormous other man. Which is doing the more valuable work in the war may be a question, but we have no doubt that KITCHENER of Khartoum is great enough to insist that Sir John French shall not be disturbed in the su-

#### The Lovely East Adriatic Coast.

The entrance of the southern European States into the war promises to make an active scene of operations of the east Adriatic coast that has so far been scarcely more than Nassau street; Secretary, C. E. Luxton, 170 the background of the great strife. This western fringe of the Balkan peninsula with its harbors and strong strategic vantage points has long been contention between Austrian and Italian diplomatists and the goal toward which Serb ambition has struggled for a window on the sea.

The Austrian fleet operating from Pola has been zealously guarding this treasure of the Dual Monarchy, making now and then a dash into Antivari and then bombarding the neighboring black mountains while the British and French in their effort to succor their diminutive Montenegrin ally have tried to force their way through the Bocche of Cattaro. But the remantic beauties of clusters of ter, we shall assuredly have a season. islands, the mediaval charms of the So let us be of good courage. There towns and the fascinating remains are many Italian opera singers in this of the splendors of Rome's declining of the Venetian Republic have been we have our AMATO and our SCOTTI, FOUR is certainly eligible. undisturbed.

Perhaps nowhere else can these cate us to enjoy hearing them. two interesting periods be studied to such an advantage; and as the coast has been somewhat on the byway of travel and the world has just begun to know it, may it remain undisturbed, its treasures undefiled by war's ravages.

There are few more beautiful bodies of waters than the Bocche of Cattaro or quainter towns than those the Venetians built or embellished with their art at the foot of the rugged confining mountain slopes. It was at Spalato that DiocLETIAN built his great rambling palace and where was the original tomb of the Emperor. At Zara is the church of San Donato, its flooring the pavement of the old Roman forum. At Durazzo a great "Our utmost skill we both did try straggling wall that it took years to To catch the flitting butterfly. build climbs the hills to a crowning Bald bumblebees that had no sting Venetian citadel, and marking out an area ten times greater than the present town are the remains of its ancient Roman wall. Ragusa, built solidly to last forever and remaining much as the Venetians left it, was once the stronghold of the Adriatic, but now its massive walls challenge Whose murmur mingled with our scream the marksmen of the modern battle- We watched the minnows darting fast, ship. And what a target would be The tadpoles slowly paddling past." the old Roman amphitheatre on the

hill slope of Pola just above the top-

masts of the Austrian ships! Whatever the result of the war, the status of the coast will be materially affected. A Teutonic victory would mean the shutting off of Serbia from her coveted Adriatic outlet, the strengthening of Austria's hold on Dalmatia and Bosnia and the fortifying of her position as an arbiter of the future of unfortunate Albania. Rome reported some time ago as one of the preliminaries of Italy's entrance into the war an understanding with Serbia as to the division of this coast. How far the ambitions of both of these nations extend as regards Dalmatia is not Whatever changes may occur in the known; but it is beyond a question British Cabinet Sir John French that Serbia will demand Ragusa. is not likely to be superseded as com- which in spite of the many years mander of the troops in France by since a Serb monarch ruled there is LOT KITCHENER. Each is in the right still to her the "South Slavic Athplace. KITCHENER is organizing ar- ens," and a strip further south to mies for victory with characteristic let her sister Serb State of Monteenergy, and French supplies the tac- negro out of her black mountains. tical skill in the field in perfect co- And Italy must find herself dominant ordination with that great Frenchman in Albania, secure, if not in possession, at least in the actual control of There should be no controversy the important harbors of Durazzo

FRENCH and KITCHENER as soldiers But whatever the exactions of war,

# Operatic Education

The participation of Italy in the able lieutenants PAU and MANOURY European war may affect this country in numerous ways, and New York city in one of which possibly little thought has been taken. We may have to face some unwelcome changes ir. the plans of the Metropolitan Opera House directors. This would be unfortunate, since so much effort and ingenuity were used to give us an excellent season of opera in the past upon Kitchener, whose system of winter. But if anything should chance blockhouses and drives ended it, to to make the performance of operas say that the most brilliant successes in Italian too difficult, we may comin the field were largely due to the fort ourselves with the thought that genius of Sir John French as a cav. most of the German singers are to alry commander. He made no mis- remain here all summer, and that traffic force on rainy days is one of

His dashes upon Kimberley and Koe- Perhaps a contraction of the lines dersand, his victory at Elandshagte on which our seasons are customarily rain coat is to enable people to see and his strategy at the railway cen. planned may provide a field for a tre of Colesburg, all showing sound demonstration of the educational initiative and rapidity of execution, value of previous operatic activities. won him a place beside STONEWALL We have heard a great deal about the JACKSON, a soldier whom FRENCH educational influence of opera, but no humbly admired. It will be remem- one of the preachers of this doctrine bered that the cavalry saved the Brit- has yet told us what this educational traffic police. ish army in the splendid retreat on influence accomplishes. Up to the

the Germans to retreat from Meaux | scolded to make them go to hear but at La Bassée, Neuve Chapelle and operas, have refused to support the Ypres. In short, it is the FRENCH of lyric drama in Boston, Philadelphia demand on the part of persons of moderate means, prove that there was

no such demand at all. The truth may be that the clamor small number of people shouting in large noise. It is a rather sad commentary on their sincerity that there were just forty-six season subscribers to whom the Century Opera Company found itself indebted when it

went out of business. Unfortunately opera is inextricably woven into the fabric of social life. in the festival lyric dramas of the courts of Mantua and Florence. When it could no longer be kept from the public and issued into the open with the first performance at the Teatro San Cassiano in Venice, the aristorracy easily found a way to perpetuate a simulation of the exclusiveness which it so long possessed. The private box solved the problem, and the box is the financial backbone of opera to this day.

The educational schemes cannot touch this part of the operatic cosmos. If the box declares for opera of any kind rather than of no kind next wincountry. If DE Lucca, the greatest and no one will have to try to edu-

#### The Pig Iron Poet.

For years nobody, not even the Hon. J. BYRON ELMORE, the Bard of Alamo and the glory of Indiana, has quite poetry for the loss of J. Gordon Coogles, South Carolina's sweetest minstrel. At last from Pennsylvapian Allentown, a capital of pig iron, speeds the voice of gold and sugar. "The Pathos of Song and Other Poems." by George Keller De Long, sighs and sings before us: if we mourn prisoners. COOGLER it is with only a softened regret. Here is the old, homely, human. Cooglerian note:

We held within our hand to sing.

"Grasshoppers we did make them ches And spiders make them spider too. We clung unto the grapevine swing, With childish glee did shout and sing.

"We waded in the shallow stream

We never ran across any stingless bumblebees, whereas not a few of May 19 found the use incorrec those stingful yellow breeched philosophers assailed our green unknowing to the letter from "J. E. S." are: "Mr. Wilson's Diplomatic Syntax Somewhat youth; but no doubt they sang glees Sophistically Defended." with Mr. DE LONG, whose fine poem quoted above has a Marlowian mei-Success" we find not only noble sen-

timents but a stately style: "Awake! oh, soul awake! How long will you concede Through hibernating sleep? Arouse yourself and shake The shackles from your feet

> "A stately style acquire, The family raise.

That you ignored do keep,

So shape your ev'ry years That friends will you admire And raise their voice in praise

With their regards sincere." His patriotism is fervent. Hear nim hail his native land: "Great is thy domain-

Heeded by sovereigns afar. Sweet thy fond refrain

Since thy Monroz dared to bar.' In the "Launching Lay" of the battleship Louisiana (1904) the metre has the soft susurrus of the waves:

"Rod of our chastity Ply not in vain; 'Neath thy grave battery Peace ever reign."

Unlike too many of the choir, he is a Dry: What a contrast there is twixt a foun-

tain of bliss And a beer saloon of woe; While the one gives relief and the other

gives grief To the ones who thither go.' Sound and kind in his ethics, soher

# A Welcome Rain Coat.

Pegasus.

The adoption of white rubber coats to protect the police of the the most commendable improvements recently made by the Police Department. The purpose of the white the policeman, who might otherwise be mistaken for a street cleaner or even a messenger boy. It is an excellent idea, for it is at all times desirable that people moving through the streets should be able to see the

It is especially necessary that these Mons. "I never had to retreat," Von present time it has not even educated who are about to cross streets at MOLTKE once said, "that is the true us to like opera, and yet that is all such danger spots as Broadway and that disinterested observers have be- Forty-fourth street. Broadway and Thirty-fourth street, Fifth avenue the offensive with telling effect, not | If the people of this country, who and Forty-second street, and the same

know just where to find the traffic policeman who is directing the movement of vehicles at the point the Boer war who is commanding the and Chicago, and have with brilliant If the unwary pedestrian does not keep his eyes on the officer and also in Flanders, and the German General in New York when it was offered to on the motor cars, he may find himofficer has bid him do.

The practice of ignoring the pe destrian on the crossing continues. to her husband's suit for divorce that Protest has been made against the system of handling traffic which apparently includes a relegation of the counters with the allegation that his in a position to answer "Anon's" insystem of handling traffic which ap Eve after their marriage. Mr. Rogers walking citizen to the category of public nuisances; but no attention has been accorded to the complaint. Here and there individual policemen for more opera is made by a very assume the responsibility of taking care of the people who are trying concert and consequently making a to cross the street and of waiting till they are out of the way before starting vehicles.

many policemen deliberately look over the heads of the pedestrians who are crossing and signal vehicles to move when many walkers are It has been so ever since it originated cars and from ten to twenty feet tude of these policemen shows plainly that they do not regard themselves as responsible for the protecbusiness is to direct vehicles: foot passengers must look out for themselves. So let us all be thankful for of the traffic system.

> The Right Hon ARTHUR J. BALFOUR would have to make a great sacrifice if he accepted an appointment as First ceed Mr. CHURCHILL is that he shall

The Bishop of London, who refuses to consider applications for ordination from men physically able to fight at the front, must be of the same martial stamp as Bishop Leonidas Polk, who put on the uniform of a Major-General at the request of JEFFERSON Davis to fight for the Southern Conconsoled the lovers of true American federacy. However, it must be remembered that the good Bishop was a graduate of West Point

> Russia's order for 22,000 freight cars placed in the United States is more significant than a victory of the Teutonic allies on the San or the fact that they hold about 1,000,000 Russian

If Provost SMITH's only reason for sity of Pennsylvania is that "some of the present women students seem more interested in the male students in bringing them into close touch trage to women than in acquiring knowledge" he must procity among the young men.

#### Diplomatic Syntax Again. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In

THE SUN of May 21 "J. E. S." discusses 'the use of plural verbs and pronouns in conjunction with the term 'German Imperial Government' in President Wilson's recent note to Germany. "J. E. S." defends this use and finds

it correct, differing with the correspon-dent of THE SUN who in your issue of The headlines which you have given

In truth the defence is sophistical to a degree. I think that the true explana-

cussed in the papers. They have told that the note represented his own, practive mer" he says: tically unaided, effort; that it was submitted to the Cabinet only when it was substantially in its final form, and that such advice as he sought in its prepara-tion was confined entirely to the question of seeing that it conformed in phraseology to diplomatic usage. Several New York papers mentioned Mr. Lansing as having had a hand in this part of the work, and one New York paper mentions Mr. Adee as having the direction of northern Germany. In the direction of northern Germany. In

throughout, as in the following: "His wherewith to grasp us; they haven't any My life Majesty's Government feel satisfied that undue interference cannot with reason in the following: "His wherewith to grasp us; they haven't any life in the following: "His wherewith to grasp us; they haven't any life in the following: "His wherewith to grasp us; they haven't any life in the following: "His wherewith to grasp us; they haven't any life in the following: "His wherewith to grasp us; they haven't any life in the following: "His wherewith to grasp us; they haven't any life in the following: "His wherewith to grasp us; they haven't any life in the following: "His wherewith to grasp us; they haven't any life in the following: "His wherewith to grasp us; they haven't any life in the following us the foll

Office is perhaps not peculiar to diplomatic correspondence, for it is a common Spake Zarathustra," which could be decustom of English solicitors, and for all I know of other English professional men and business men, to use the plural verb and pronoun with such words as company." which we in this country almost invariably use with the singular

verb and pronoun.

May it not be then that the use of the plural verb and pronoun in Mr. Wilson's note was the result of an effort to conform to what was supposed to be the elegant requirement of the case without fully appreciating the fact that there is perhaps no particular diplomatic significance in the use of this form?

To THE Epiron of The Sin—Sir: The tion by Governor Whitman at Albany were new street signs installed not long ago on the prominent thoroughfares, such as Madison avenue. Sixth avenue and Central Park West, which have been described as the State of New York and the Regents of the last word in street signs by Assistant Commissioner of Public Works Paterson, have now been in service long enough to justify all the good things that were said of them before they were placed in these words:

"His Excellency the Governor Whitman at Albany were couched in these words:

"His Excellency the Governor of the State of New York and the Regents of the last word in street signs installed not long ago on the prominent thoroughfares, such as Madison avenue. Sixth avenue and Central Park West, which have been desgribed as the State of New York." &c.

The Sun.—Sir: The Couched in these words:

"His Excellency the Governor of the State of New York and the Regents of the State of New York and the St verb and pronoun.

in which in Mr. Wilson's note there was a departure from this form are probably most simply explained as oversights on the part of whomsoever revised in his pace, an excellent family the note; or if not oversights, then as the result of an insufficient familiarity with the form to make its carrying out in detail a matter of course requiring no special mental effort.

# WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22. THE UNTERRIFIED RHYME-

STER. Cause and Effect.

When Sing Sing is made over new Sports, comforts, bracing air.
I know some things I think I'll do, In hopes of going there

To the Board of Health I have no auto, for I ween My dollars are too few, But I can breathe in gasolene All up Fifth avenue.

Nor a don of the humbler grade And boosts the masquerade.

Academic and Institutions

To see how greatness is made DUFFIELD OSBORNE.

only in the great drive that forced have been coaxed, cajoled and even avenue at Thirty-fourth street, should SOAP'S DIETARY STANDING. New Jersey Law Proceedings of Novel and Interesting Kind.

New Jersey matrimonial infelicities on culinary controversies. chauffeur who is doing just what the ers and Mr. and Mrs. William Maidt are in point.

Mrs. Rogers sets up as a defence to her husband's suit for divorce that tend to him the assurances of my dishe flatly refused to serve roast tur-key on the very first New Year's I am something of a newspaper writer key on the very first New Year's wife deluged his midst with kidney teresting question. stew, and he cites no less than three instances of kidney stew assaults on his insides within a single week. He does not allege any personal aversion to kidney stew as such. What he objects to apparently is being drenched, submerged, drowned in kidney stew. But the fact still remains that further than this bare statement of

to move when many walkers are not five feet from the front of the cars and from ten to twenty feet the learned Recorder accompanied by cars and from ten to twenty feet the learned Recorder accompanied by several flaplacks and two pork chops.

Recorder Medina, is more open to command: Hold your need up and speak your finger out of your mouth and speak adhering without cavil?

But the old man himself has his bad several flaplacks and two pork chops.

But the old man himself has his bad fessor's dictum that all the belligerents. his consumption by Mrs. Maidt and had been cooked by her in soap. Mrs. Maidt sets up in answer that Mr. Maidt nailed down the dining table and chairs to the floor and committed other acts indicative of a frantic and tumultuous state of mind. Whether it will be urged in Mr. Maidt's behalf that a man with a case of soap diet in for a job, asking for a raise in should "be requested" to suspend their violation of existing international law" while a new code is being constructed. This virtually amounts to the monstrous assumption that law can be invalidated by any determined violation of it. Does to his own vocal "Tipperary" at 3 assumption that law can be invalidated by any determined violation of it. Does to his own vocal "Tipperary" at 3 to his new "fix" as the kid was. Hat to his forehead, his nose or his chim, that a man with a case of soap diet when his inquisitor admonishes him. tion of the walking public. Their Maidt nailed down the dining table the white rain coats. In stormy that a man with a case of soap diet when his inquisitor admonishes him weather we shall be better able to dyspepsia comes within the purview sharply: "Hold up your head, speak out guard ourselves against the dangers of indulgence accorded to brainstorm talk to me straight and not through sufferers is of course for learned your hat." counsel to determine. Mr. Maldt himhis stand squarely on the flapjackpork chop exhibit and there rests.

With all submission we venture the suggestion that, notwithstanding this be able to devote so much of his time food exhibit, Mr. Maidt's complaint to golf and tennis. If the chief con-sideration in selecting a man to suc-there is soap and soap. What kind here here of soap did Mrs. Maidt use in have more respect for the professional cooking? This Mr. Maidt wholly fails days and of the freshness and vigor barytone now in Italy, cannot come, knowledge of Lord FISHER, Mr. Bal- to indicate. For all the record reveals. it may have been any one of the but efficient soft soap made by the hands of our hardy pioneer grandmothers. If Mr. Maidt puts himself on record as objecting to food cooked in good American home made soft soap, an enlightened jury of Jersey agriculturists is entitled to know the fact. If his objection is to French kickshaws in soap cookery, that too should be made clear.

It would be yellow to attempt to prejudice Mr. Maidt's case by any ap-To be sure the domestic manufacture of soft soap may stir tender remiof soft soap may stir tender reminot know that woman suffrage existed in Scences in the American mind. The finished product is still in more or was repealed by Congress. less extensive use in the remoter parts of the country. Its use, wholly erty, opposing coeducation at the Univer- in the literal and not in the figurative says: "It is impossible, however in the literal and not in the figurative sense, is felt by political campaigners in these regions to be a distinct force in these regions to be a distinct force have overlooked some cases of reci- his brusque, hearty way, always asked and that basin on the bench by the back door that system. more suave Mr. Fairbanks under similar circumstances would deprecatingly turn his back on the effete yellow bar

Boston, May 21. turn his back on the effete yellow bar of modern laundry soap and gently express his preference for the soft soap of the masses.

## NIETZSCHE.

His Severity to Germany and His

Admiration of France. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I would like to have some one explain to sobs: me the seeming incongruity involved in the popularity of Nietzsche's books in quoted above has a Marlowian meiody, something of the madrigals to the
shallow rivers' falls. In "The Ship
Success" we find not only noble senof a like nature. In "The Case of Wag-

Even at the present day France is still the refuge of the most intellectual and refined culture in Europe. It remains the high school of taste; but one must know where to find this France of taste.

The North German Gazette, for instance assisted in this respect.

One fairly \*\*!l established form of diplomatic correspondence, so far at the British Government is concerned, is to like the plural verb and propoun with British Government is concerned, is to use the plural verb and pronoun with the designation "His Majesty's Government." For instance, the statement ment." For instance, the statement given out by the British Foreign Office on the evening of May 20 uses this form as I am. The Germans have no fingers

undue interference cannot with reason be imputed to them."

This practice of the British Foreign offensive to the Germans. But it was

scribed only as an apotheosis of war. C. G. Barrows. MANSFIELD CENTRE, Conn., May 21.

ifficance in the use of this form?

The cases pointed out by "J. E. S."

Justify all the good things that we see that in the Constitutions of only vice. It is just such little improvements two States of the Union—Massachusetts which serve to make this city one of the and New Hampshire—was this old Co-foremost in the world, and it is hoped lonial style preserved as a prerogative of that the Department of Public Works will the Governor, and that in all the others not cease its efforts until signs of the new it was discarded, as in the Constitution of model have been placed on every im-

portant thoroughfare. Less than ten years ago New York was terms as "His Excellency" are unsuited far behind other cities, domestic and Eu-ropean, in the matter of street signs, either in addressing the President of the Residents and visitors often complained United States, the Governor of a State or that they experienced great trouble in finding obscure streets and avenues because street signs were missing. Of late years, however, this city has made rapid subject of "His Excellency" in order to strides in the improvement of its street say that we have been informed on signs. The result of these efforts is the thority which we are accustomed to re-adoption and erection of the most effective, that not only in Massachusetts

Because of the arrangement of the street property of the Governor. The Sun, and avenue on one sign it is now possible to tell at one glance just where you are. the statement as to Vermont. Under the old arrangement it was necesnue eldes of the sign before you could get your bearings. Not only are the signs handy for pedestrians, but they are con-venient for those who travel in cars, autos, &c. And the fact must not be over-troduced since the beginning of the present

ANON, SIR, ANON.

An Old Friend Welcomed and a Mysterious Phrase Elucidated.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: "Anon," on "talking through his hat." I was surprised and delighted to learn that dear old "Anon" is still with us. He has always been one of our most n years, and I wish, right here, to exno continuing international law, inquire "What principles are to govern mar; time warfare from this time on?" an throws in the remark that "the United

How can a man "talk through hat" when he has it on his head? This case being still before the court, presided over by Vice-Chancellor Stevens, the proprieties permit nothing further than this bare statement of facts alleged.

The fried soap litigation between Mr. and Mrs. Maidt, having been temptices and mrs. Maidt, having been temptices we have the first substant of the party of the part porarily at least put out of court by ental questions. Suddenly there is a Recorder Medina, is more open to command: "Hold your head up and take

The esence of "talking through one" self makes no such plea. He takes hat" is not as stated in the Slang Dic tionary, but it grows out of the ter-rible difficulty of the situation in which the talker finds himself. No better illustration can be cited of talking through one's hat than the explanation of Joseph Surface in the "School for ' for Lady Teasle's presence behind the screen. He lied out of i Sir Peter turned to his wife for conrmatton she answered: "Not one word So when an explanation doesn't exinfinite varieties in the wide range plain, the definition doesn't extended from the daintily perfumed creations of Parisian soap studies to the plain sympathize with the poor devil who is tions of the ditions in which he finds himself. He is making a poor fist of it. He is "talking through his hat."
PRO BONO PUBLICO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 17

#### Polygamy and Votes for Women in Utah.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Ser: Mrs. It would be yellow to attempt to Mabel Beecher Brewster in her letter in prejudice Mr. Maidt's case by any appeal to American soft soap sentiment. The Sun of yesterday did not seem to be thoroughly informed in regard to the polygamy in Utah. She apparently does considerable magnitude its entire colwoman suffrage

Lecky in his "Democracy and Lib-rty." New York, 1993, pages 545-6, most the first, to give the political suf was one of the measures for suppressing

# Peace at Syracuse.

over, perhaps THE SUN will reproduce feelings or remorse of the battling elements that have given to the Democrats thunder that makes the Sulzer storm for Republicans seem like soft

Birds in their little nests agree, Fall out and fight and fight Yours for printing contracts. Felix Filkins. FORT PLAIN, May 22.

## Two Views of a Mighty Victory.

BY THE COLONEL'S LAWIER The victory that Mr. Roosevelt has won

Gentlemen of the jury:
I have been more moved and touched than work but to failure of the floors; such express by what you have done in

I appreciate to the fullest the obligation that you men, representing every shade of political belief, have put shade of political belief, have put with steel beams properly insulated with terra cotta those buildings would have I assure you that all

I shall behave as a decent American citizen should.

## "His Excellency."

From the Sacramento Bee. New York's Effective Street Signs.

Recently formal invitations to a reception by Governor Whitman at Albany were

The Ree agrees with THE SEN that such

tive street signs that New York has ever and New Hampshire but also in Verhad.

# TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUX-Sir: "Phi-

looked when summing up the good points war. The word as an adjective, or at of the new signs that they are much least as an attributive noun, was in use cheaper than their predecessors. The old as far back as the fourteenth century. signs cost the city \$12 each, while the new signs cost \$5.75 each. That's worth considering.

D. L. W.

New York, May 23.

As far back as the fourteenth century. Shakespeare wrote "This enemy town." Thomas Jefferson wrote "Enemy goods are lawful prize."

J. E. INTERNATIONAL LAW.

Criticism of Certain Statements Made by Professor Kirchwey. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In as revealed by recent court pro-ceedings seem to have largely hinged "Anon," on "talking through his hat." of the Columbia Law School, in his disof the Columbia Law School, in his dis-cussion of the Lusitania case, makes the statement that "Germany cannot at her Mitchel Administration Gets own instance alter to the detriment of others the rules of international law

> States acting alone can no more decide authoritatively than can Germany." It seems to a layman that this sort of reasoning is not only illogical but victous, the more so when coming from

presence to explain some unfortunate must needs be that that law still con-occurrence. Without warning we are tinues supreme. And surely the United bureau, sent to acting Mayor Meaneny

Mr. and Mrs. Maidt, having been temgive unintelligible answers to the parporarily at least put out of court by ental questions. Suddenly there is a conference" to reconstruct the law to conference" to reconstruct the law to

These, he averred, had been cooked for his consumption by Mrs. Maidt and had been cooked hy her in soan Mrs.

#### CONCRETE'S FAILURE. Mr. Edison Called as a Witness as to

Its Non-Fireproof Nature. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIF: Mr. Edison has furnished his own very convincing evidence in rebuttal of his claim that concrete is a fireproof material. That evidence appears in a pamphlet !!lustrating the effects of the fire which swept the Edison phonograph works at West Orange. The pamphlet was issued to architects, and doubtless als to others, in the interest of the cement industry, in which Mr. Edison is represented by the Edison Portland Cement

In one of the photographic reproducempathize with the poor devil who is tions of this pamphlet may be seen, very bing his level best under the hard conclearly visible in the foreground, a steel He column which had been melted sufficiently to buckle downward in the form of a closed letter S. The concrete covering was broken away, exposing the

The damage apparent constituted a Had the loading of that column more than a very insignificant one the and judging from conferences with mer destruction would have been extensive; with and had the building itself been of any lapse certainly must have resulted. Architects, engineers and even most

their novitiate are too well acquainted with the facts concerning the compounds ganda for the misuse of the material. They are more or less thoroughly fa niliar with the numerous fire tests made with the plain people. Mr. Bryan, in existed among them for many years; his brusque, hearty way, always asked and that it proved so favorable to for it when he went to the tin wash polygamy that its abolition by Congress all conducted under such definite conby the building departments of cities, trol of the conditions as to determine the truth of fire resistance in a manof the farmhouse where he happened to lodge on his political tours. The further says: "Woman suffrage her as precise as the Edison examination after a fire of unknown temperatures is haphagard and inconclusive. The result of these tests has been to prove that cement compositions are not fireproof in any legitimate understanding of the requirements. On the other To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Now had, similar carefully conducted tests have shown the products of baked clay that the civil war in classic Syracuse to be thoroughly fireproof and entirely reliable when used properly, either as ing. It can hardly be expec-

A truly fireproof material must per- ards to complete the programme form two distinct functions; it must re- lined before September 15. sist injury to itself by the heat of sur-rounding inflammable substances and vigor if the Board of Estimate and protect from injury any structural parts deciding upon the larger question addition it must be able when at the policy as they are currently submitted nighest temperature to remain intact pon being drenched suddenly with water. This latter requirement con-crete will not fulfil. In many instances, as illustrated in the Edison fire, it crus

purpose of fire resistance. Mr. Edison makes a point of the de struction of his brick buildings. Tha of the brick walls as fell were pulled down, not burned down, by the leverage of the combustible floors after they had burned through. Had the floors of Mr. Edison's brick buildings been constructed required after the fire nothing but re-finishing and refurnishing, as was the tion of Japan's policy in China wis case in the Home Life Insurance but

es in fragments, and so fails of either

ployment is extending greatly with each | made on China for the cake of compact succeeding year, and its immense prom-ise for the future in the proper fields of its application in all justice should sat-isfy the demands of the most ambitious States. of cement manufacturers. In the circumstances it is but natural that an effort of those tradesmen to encroach on the legitmate domain of makers of other materials should be resented by

PLAINFIELD, N. J., May 22.

## A Deserted Farmhouse.

It stands there all aloof
Upon a hill. Soft shadows
Fall unnoticed. And in meadows Larks sing madrigals all proof Against its mute, pathetic loneliness, Hot suns have long made listless

The winds that sweep its roof All gray with lichen, And on the prone door of its kitchen Lizards bask unfearful of reproof.

For years swift time has sped Past its broken garden hedge And no footfall has left pledge That its o'ergrown pathway led

To aught that spoke of strife

pulse beat of a joyous life No furrowed brow or youthful head Looks with keen vision 'youd To where the sunlit summer pond Lies glistening. All is dead.

## Of home but speak its ruth.

Give voice unto the artiess truth Of its long past, the sombre spell

# FAILURE TO SCALE CITY PAY CRITICISED

First Whack From the Bureau of Research.

The Mitchel administration, hitherto temmune from attack by the Bureau of Municipal Research, gets its first whack from that source in a letter which D Frederick A. Cleveland, director of the

His criticism is directed at the Board of Estimate. He says it has shen \$200,000 in gathering information which to base standardization of so one city employees' salaries, but has negmation which would make it available for use in preparing a proper city budget for next year. At one time the hours was eager to have salaries scientifically scaled so no person would be paid more or less than his worth, but Dr. Cleve. land says:

"City employees are rapidly faining the impression that the adoption of the standardization programme is one which the Board of Estimate has lost interest. There is an opinion prevalent that the opposition in the board will lead to indefinite delay."

For five years, says Dr. Cleveland, the board has recognized the importance of standardizing salaries. It organized a committee in 1912 to collect information. Last year the Bureau of Standards, o charged with the consummation of the

#### Not Even Printed.

in November last this bureau reported to the board a general plan of classification and urged that the proposed spe fications be considered class by class.

This has not been done. The board,

asserts Dr. Cleveland, has not even been willing to appropriate \$2,000 to have the Tirrell report printed so there could be conferences and public discussions. Bureau of Municipal Research asked th to act promptly, but a the request has not been heeded D Cleveland again addresses Mr. McAneny.

misshapen steel, and the constructions at that point are shown to have fallen a foot or more with the melting down the salaries and grades committee for authority to have the specifications. printed, but without result. omplete local failure of the structure. ure to order the printing has already and the loading of that column been caused much valuable time to be lost bers of the committee there seems to be steps to make results available

"These results up to this time have of their draughtsmen who have passed cost the city approximately \$300,000 at will be useful in reaching conclusion concerning about \$60,000,000 of annuexpenditures. Moreover in discussion in and out of the Board of Estimate the Bureau of Standards has encountered great deal of direct and indirect oppo-sition from members of the board and

# their direct representatives.

Illogical, He Says. curious feature of the situation cointed out by Dr. Cleveland is very specifications which are being used in filling vacancies have not been for mally approved by the Board

mate. He says this is illogical and un-businesslike. He adds:
"The effect of the present lack of definite policy and frankness part of the Board of Estimate portionment on employees of the of Standards is bound to be den structural elements or as insulation for non-fireproof structural members. In the informed professional judgment these conclusions, having been abundantly substantiated by technical experiment, are not regarded as debatable.

work will be carried on with enture under the present conditions of or sition and uncertainty. It will reduce the hardest kind of work and a confidence of employees of the Bureau of St. and to complete the pregramme.

# JAPAN'S SECRECY

Says Group V. Represented a Hope Rather Than a Demand on China.

Tokio, May 22 .- A partial explanamade in the Diet to-day by Baron Karo, I will act in public and private affairs in a way that no one of you will have reason to regret the verdict you have rendered to-day.

Case in the Home Life insurance building when swept by the Rogers-Peet fire of many years ago.

Concrete in many ways and for many Japan had finally agreed to some love the property of the property o

other materials should be resented by the manufacturers of truly fireproof products; and the persistent campaign to further the use for fireproofing purposes of an aggregate which in no effective manner can perform the func-tion of fire resistance is nothing less than a menace to the public safety.

FRED METCALF.

PLANSIED N. J. Was a proper of the group and did so finally only because so many erroneous accounts regarding it satisfies

circulation. "We had to see," said he, "what would say about this fifth grow there was therefore a municating it. Later because pearance of erroneous a lecided to make the matt When asked why Japan was Klao-chow to Chang the F ister explained that the sieve action in this respect was basel in the feat matter in the Far East and the matter the integrity of China. Japan we fled so long as no other count Kiao-chow and had intended to it to China from the outset the Foreign Minister held the reaties with China will stre utual feeling of friendship

The Diet was teld by the M Finance, Wakatsuki, that the penditures up to the present approximately 100,000,000 year 000). The supplemental bulger for 52,000,000 year (\$26,000,000 will be used for the creation of

Of its long past, the sombre spell
Of mystery would lift; children bands
Pluck at the bush, while loving hands
Weave like garlands. Prattlings tell
Where youthful vanity once strove.
Unmindful of the danger, urged by love.
To see their faces mirrored in the well.

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